

REMARKS

Applicant hereby replies to the Advisory Action dated September 13, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner maintained the rejections of claims in the Final Action of May 13, 2005 in which Claims 1, 3-20 were rejected, Claims 34-36 were allowed, and Claim 2 was deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including limitations of base claim and any intervening claims.

In this Reply, Claims 2 and 16-20 have been cancelled. Further, Claims 21-33, which were previously withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, have been cancelled. As such Claim 1, 3-15 and 34-36 remain in the patent application.

Claim 1 has been amended such that all limitations of allowable Claim 2 have been added into Claim 1, and Claim 2 has been cancelled (effectively Claim 2 has been re-written in independent form including limitations of base claim and any intervening claims). Therefore, Claims 1 and 3-15 are now allowable, and since Claims 34-36 were previously allowed, the patent application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1960 for any additional fees required in connection with this filing. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed for this purpose.

It is respectfully submitted that the case is now in condition for allowance, and an early notification of the same is requested. If it is believed that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, Applicants respectfully request that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the listed telephone number.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: MS AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 6, 2005.

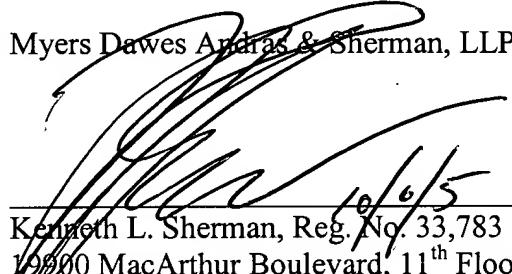
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